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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POW'S

REF: BEIRUT 13431

1. RELIABLE SENIOR LEBANESE ARMY OFFICER TELLS US THAT AT NOV. 23 MEETING OF MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION, IDF REP ACCEPTED LEBANESE EXCUSE THAT ALGIERS SUMMIT PREVENTED IMMEDIATE RETURN OF TWO ISRAELI PILOTS, BUT THEN GAVE LEBANESE SPECIFIC DEADLINE OF DEC. 4 TO RELEASE THEM. IDF REP POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT HAS ALREADY RETURNED ALL POW'S SO THERE NO VALID EXCUSE FOR LEBANESE NOT DOING LIKEWISE. ISRAELIS PRESSED FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON GROUNDS THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL MIGHT TURN WORSE, POSSIBLY WITH RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES, AND THIS WOULD OCCASSION FUTHER REQUESTS FOR DELAY BY LEBANESE. THEREFORE IT IMPERATIVE GOL RELEASE PRISONERS BY DEC. 4 AT LATEST.

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2. COMMENT: AL SENIOR LEBANESE OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY IN

ALGIERS. WE WILL TRY TO ASCERTAIN LEBANESE POSITION ON RELEASE OF
POW'S WHEN THEY RETURN.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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